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PLACE: HONNINGSVAAG

COUNTRY: NORWAY

Population: 2,783 - 1950

Province: Finnmark

Latitude: 70° 58 mins. north. 00"
Longitude 26° 01 mins. 0" east

Date of Observation: 5 Apr. '51

General Description:

Important fishing and transport center with some dairying inland. Good harbor sheltered from the north. Junction of express steamers with local steamers for Porsanger Fjord and highway for Finland via Karasjok.

Geographic Description:

Outer island fringe of extreme north of Norway. The town has southern exposure.

Occupations:

<u>Agricultural</u>	<u>Fishing</u>	<u>Industrial</u>
Some dairying	Outstanding	Based on fish

Natural Vegetation:

Very sparse. Much bare rock, some tundra and birch.

Land Forms and Geology:

Terrain rugged but not extremely high. Typical glaciated forms. Good natural harbors.

Mining:

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Population (racial, cultural, linguistic): Norwegian, probably with small Lapp admixture. Mainly fishing types.

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Climate and Weather

Temperatures: -5° to +3°

Precipitation: None but ^{some} snow on streets in town

Clouds: Five-tenths, wind little.

Other: Sea calm some swell.

Electric Power:

Source: Local diesel, plus possible hydro

Voltage: 230

Cycle: 50

Extent of Grid: Local

Telephone Yes Telegraph Yes Radio Yes TV

TRANSPORTATION: (From: Honningsvaag To: Local on island)

Railway: None

Station:

Ballast:

Power :

Gauge :

Bridges:

Highways:

Route No's : #917 being extended to reach North Cape.

Surface Type: Gravel

Width : one to two cars

Seasonal Use: All year.

Underpass :

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Ferries: None

Location:

Tonnage :

Capacity:

Schedules:

Steamers:

Routing: Express steamer to North and South Norway. Local vessel to fjords.

Tonnages: Local vessel Söroy, similar to Ingöy

Capacity:

Schedules: See Rutebok

Bus Routes: Local bus to Skarsvaag to be extended to North Cape.

Summer:

Winter:

Other Transportation:

Summer seaplane service as required. Good landing on harbor.

MAPS

<u>Title</u>	<u>Scale</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Publisher</u>
Finnmark	1:500,000	1907 to 1950	Nor. Geographical Survey
Honningsvaag Sheet	1:100,000	Old	"
German Military Maps	1:100,000 1:300,000	up to 1944	

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Guide and Other Books:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Cost</u>
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PERSONAL DATA:

Date of travel to this place: April 5, 1951 Arrived: 1600
 Starting Point: Vardø Departed: Honningsvaag 1830, Apr. 5, '51
 Distance traveled (in kms): _____
 Vehicles Used: Princess Martha Express Steamer

 Where stayed: _____ Comments: _____

CONTACTS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>T.ph.</u>	<u>Comment</u>
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Photographs:

Purchased locally: Post Cards - good selection.

Taken: Color and blk. and wht. of town and harbor including panorama.
Conditions dull.

Sketches Made:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>
Sketch map of location of harbor relative to shipping route.	

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Industries:

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. of Workers</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Power</u>
Similar to Vardø. Based on fish including filetting, freezing, fish oil and meal, fresh fish. Products all exported.			

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SEAPORTS:

General Comments:

Honningsvaag was destroyed by Nazis during the Winter 1944-45. The port is still under reconstruction but is rapidly nearing completion. Importance is two-fold. As a fishing center it is used by local vessels and foreign trawlers. As a good harbor Cargo Handling: near the North Cape, it provides shelter and services to vessels going east or west.

Wharves:

Name:	Location	Depth
3 other smaller wood Steamship quay	Town (concrete)	90 meters long by 22 ft. deep.
Fishing Quay	" (wood)	70 meters long by 16 ft. deep.
Fishing Quay	" (wood)	63 meters long, 12 ft. deep.

Lighters:

Various small

Warehouses: Several large warehouses on steamship pier and elsewhere.

Note - Quays can take four express route steamers simultaneously.

Cranes: Fishing piers.

Location	Tonnage	Comments
Fishing piers.	Small	

Repair Facilities

Machine Shops: Small for repairs to fishing vessels.

Foundries: Doubtful

Dry docks: Two small slips for fishing vessels.

Salvage gear: Some

Supplies Available

Water <u>Yes</u>	Coal <u>Yes</u>
Provisions <u>Yes</u>	Oil-Fuel <u>Yes</u>
Engineering <u>Small</u>	Diesel Fuel <u>Yes</u>
Deck <u>Yes</u>	

Harbor Information Hydrographic chart #103, scale 1:50,000. An excellent harbor. Needs to be entered cautiously. Forty-seven meters depth in outer harbor.

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